

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 788

Introduced by Assembly Member Montanez

February 18, 2005

An act to add Section 1597.625 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to child day care.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 788, as introduced, Montanez. Licensed family day care providers.

Existing law, the California Child Day Care Act, regulates the licensure and operation of child day care providers, including providers licensed as family day care homes.

This bill would require the department to establish and administer a 2-year pilot project in 2 counties, with the counties' consent, to provide continuing education and training for child day care providers licensed as family day care homes. The bill would require the department to establish curriculum guidelines for the project, and to encourage community colleges in the participating counties to provide appropriate classes for the day care providers. The bill would require the department to encourage the children and families commissions in the participating counties to participate in the establishment and implementation of the pilot project.

This bill would provide that the costs associated with the pilot project would be funded using existing department resources. If those funds are unavailable, the bill would require the commencement of the pilot project to be delayed until the department has secured a funding source.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 1597.625 is added to the Health and Safety Code, to read:

1597.625. (a) The department shall establish and administer a two-year pilot project for the purpose of providing continuing education and training for child day care providers licensed as family day care homes, in accordance with this section. The goal of the pilot project is to create greater collaboration between community colleges, local child care resource and referral agencies, and family child care associations, in order to meet the unique continuing education and training needs of family day care home providers.

(b) The pilot project shall be conducted in two counties that agree to participate. One participating county shall be in the northern part of the state and one shall be in the southern part of the state.

(c) The department shall establish curriculum guidelines for the pilot project, and shall encourage community colleges in participating counties to do all of the following:

(1) Offer classes targeted to family day care providers, including classes offered for credit that are applicable to a program or course of study that leads to a degree or certificate.

(2) Offer evening and weekend classes.

(3) Offer classes at alternative or extension locations.

(4) Offer classes in languages that are prevalent in the local community.

(d) The department shall encourage the county children and families commission in each participating county to participate in the establishment and implementation of the pilot project.

(e) Costs associated with the pilot project shall be funded using existing department resources designated for child care quality improvement. If these funds are not available, the pilot project shall not commence until the department is able to identify a funding source.